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SUBJECT: AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE INTEREST IN ARGENTINA

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1. BERTRAM H. GOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, DAVID GELLER OF AJC AND JACOBO KOVADLOFF, AJC DIRECTOR IN ARGENTINA, CALLED ON ARA/ECA ON OCTOBER 12.

2. THEY REVEALED THAT THEY HAD MET ON OCTOBER 7 IN NEW YORK WITH ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI. RICHARD MOSS, CHAIRMAN OF AJC BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AND PHILIP HOFFMAN, FORMER US DELEGATE TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, WERE ALSO PRESENT AT GUZZETTI MEETING.

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3. GUZZETTI MADE AN UNEQUIVOCAL COMMITMENT TO STOP ANTI-SEMITISM AND BETTER HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, GOLD SAID.

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4- FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT ARGENTINA INTENDED TO OPPOSE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WOULD VOTE NO ON ANY FUTURE ZIONISM-RACISM UN RESOLUTIONS, AND WOULD IDENTIFY WITH US POSITION ON ISRAEL IN UNESCO.

5. AJC TOLD GUZZETTI THAT EDICIONES ODAL WAS NOW OPERATING IN PLACE OF EDITORIAL MILICIA AND PUTTING OUT ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE. GUZZETTI WAS APPARENTLY SURPRISED BY THIS AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER. AJC GAVE GUZZETTI COPY "ARGENTINA JUDIA" BY HORACIO CALDERON, AS AN EXAMPLE OF ODAL'S ANTI-SEMITIC WORK.

6. GOLD INFORMED DEPTOFF THAT TOP LEADERSHIP OF AJC IS PLANNING NOVEMBER 9-24 VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA, INCLUDING ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, CHILE AND BRAZIL. THEY WILL BE IN BUENOS AIRES FROM NOVEMBER 12-17. GOLD WAS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED OVER GROUP'S SECURITY BECAUSE OF AJC'S ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS. DEPTOFF ENCOURAGED VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES AND SAID THAT HE WOULD ADVISE EMBASSY OF GROUP'S PLANS AS THEY DEVELOPED. DEPTOFF STATED THAT EMBASSY WOULD ADVISE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY IF ANY SECURITY PROBLEMS WERE ENVISIONED. AJC PLANS NO ADVANCE PUBLICITY.

7. GROUP MET SEPARATELY WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN. KISSINGER

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